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SUBJECT: HUMANITARIAN LIAISON WORKING GROUP MEETS
AUGUST 25

REF: A) USUN 3138; B) USUN 3447

1. SUMMARY: DHA USYG PETER HANSEN BRIEFED HUMANITARIAN LIAISON WORKING GROUP AUGUST 25. PRINCIPAL TOPICS COVERED WERE CERF EXPANSION, RWANDA, DHA NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING ON AN URGENT BASIS, AND DHA BUDGET AND REORGANIZATION. HANSEN INFORMED THE DONORS THAT, WITHOUT AN ALMOST IMMEDIATE INFUSION OF APPROXIMATELY
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USD 2 MILLION, HE WOULD BE FORCED TO LAY OFF 17 GENEVA BASED STAFF. WITHOUT USD 10 MILLION WITHIN THE NEXT BIENNIAL, "WE WON'T HAVE A DHA," ACCORDING TO THE USYG. SEE ACTION REQUEST PARA 18. END SUMMARY.

2. THE HUMANITARIAN LIAISON WORKING GROUP (HLWG) MET AUGUST 25 IN THE CANADIAN MISSION UNDER THE CHAIRSHIP OF AMBASSADOR FRECHETTE. DHA NY DIRECTOR FAREED AND EXEC OFF MURPHY ALSO ATTENDED. HLWG MEMBERS WERE WELL-REPRESENTED.

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RWANDA

9. HANSEN COMMENTED ON HIS TRIP TO RWANDA. (SEE REF B FOR MORE ON THIS MATTER.) HE SAID THAT AS OF AUGUST 25, HE IS MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTHWEST THAN LAST WEEK, NOTING THAT MAJOR REFUGEE FIGURES ARE SMALLER THAN EXPECTED, PRIMARILY BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME RETURNEES FROM GOMA AND THERE WAS QUITE A BIT OF EXAGGERATION PREVIOUSLY ABOUT FIGURES FOR SUKAVU.

10. HANSEN WAS STRUCK BY THE NEAR COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN KIGALI, AND THE BARE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE THAT EXISTS. THERE ARE ONLY FOUR EMPLOYEES IN THE HEALTH MINISTRY, FOR EXAMPLE, AND HE HAD TO LEND THE PRIME MINISTER A TYPEWRITER. HE THEN PASSED OUT DHA'S RWANDA MATRIX, WHICH IDENTIFIES PROBLEM AREAS SUCH AS WATER & SANITATION, FOOD SECURITY, ETC., AND ATTEMPTS TO CATEGORIZE THEM BY CURRENT COVERAGE AND PRIORITY FOR

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FUTURE ASSISTANCE. (MATRIX SENT TO IO/ESA)

11. THE USYG PRAISED DONOR RESPONSE, PARTICULARLY SWEDEN'S CONTRIBUTION OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN RWANDA. HE IS ALSO GETTING GOOD COOPERATION FROM UNICEF, UNHCR, AND WFP, WHO HAVE SECONDED STAFF TO DHA FOR REGIONAL OFFICES IN COUNTRY. DESPITE THIS ASSISTANCE, AND GENEROUS NGO STAFF

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ASSISTANCE, HE HAD TO SEND A CORE DHA TEAM FROM GENEVA TO START UP THE IN-COUNTRY PROGRAM AND PROVIDE DHA "CORE DISCIPLINE."

12. AMBASSADOR FRECHETTE PRAISED THE DHA EFFORT, AND COMMENTED THAT IT APPEARS IMPROVED COORDINATION HAS RESULTED IN LESS AGENCY BACKBITING AND NGO CRITICISM FOR DHA.

DHA REORGANIZATION/BUDGET

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13. HANSEN PASSED OUT THE FINAL VERSION OF THE "REORGANIZATION OF THE DHA," ALONG WITH A BUDGET SUMMARY. (80TH DOCUMENTS SENT TO IO/ESA.) HE ASSERTED THAT FOR THE REORGANIZATION TO WORK IT MUST BE FUNDED. "NOW IT'S UN- (EMPHASIS) FUNDED." HE SAID THAT UNLESS A MIRACLE HAPPENS HE WILL HAVE TO GIVE OUT PINK SLIPS TO 17 STAFF, INCLUDING ALL THREE STAFFERS BACKSTOPPING RWANDA OPERATIONS IN GENEVA.

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